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NORTHFIELD

The Red Men had a meeting last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jillson spent New Year's day with Mrs. David Ball.

The current monthly magazines can be procured at the PRESS office.

Miss Vera West's mother came here to spend Christmas week with her.

Mrs. Mary Dickinson has gone to Springfield for a two weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Dodge of Keene are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kidder.

Thermometers have ranged anywhere from zero to 17 degrees below of late.

If the coal man does not get your money this weather, the odds are on the plumber.

Mrs. Belle Perley Richards of Gardner, Mass., gave birth to a son on December 24.

A family gathering of 18 Irishmen and others had their Christmas dinner at C. A. Irish's.

Elliott W. Brown's real estate office is now located in the new store of the Northfield Press.

Mrs. Randall and son Robert have returned from a two weeks' visit to her brother at Montague.

Miss Lucy Webster has been in Springfield with her nieces, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Ella Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leavitt were home from Northampton for the Christmas holidays with their children.

Cutting ice has been in full swing in all directions since the cold snap. The ice is over 12 inches thick and a plentiful harvest is insured.

The schools opened up on Monday. Fred Proctor's teams moved Mr. Rice's belongings to the place he has recently bought at Petersham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cook of Northampton have bought a farm in Hadley, and are moving there. Mrs. Cook was formerly Miss Ethel Beers of Northfield.

Miss Ida Merriman who is teaching in the Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Merriman.

C. A. Williams is acting as agent for an Amherst laundry and is handling the business that used to be done by Soo Wing's laundry before it was closed.

Much sympathy is felt by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Sherwin of New York, in the death of their infant son, William, last week. The child lived only four days.

N. D. Alexander took his last load of household goods to Dover, Vt., on Tuesday. Mrs. Alexander and the children went the following day. Their many friends in Northfield wish them all sorts of prosperity in their new home.

M. C. Malley and family wish to thank their friends in Northfield and vicinity for the many kindly acts and Christian sympathy extended to them during their recent bereavement of wife and mother.

The Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary will give a 15 cent supper tonight at 6:30 at the Hall, followed at 8 by an entertainment, when a one-act drama will be given by Mrs. Emma Biglow, Mrs. Marion Proctor and Mrs. Mattle Proctor. Admission, 10 cents.

The body of Mrs. Rufus Holton was brought to Northfield from Westerly, R. I., on Wednesday for interment. A service was held in the Unitarian church. Since her husband's death Mrs. Holton has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Stiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ware attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Newcomb at Leyden on new year's day. Eight of the nine children of the honored couple, including Ed Newcomb, a resident of Northfield, were present.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Emily Wilkins to Mr. Woodbridge, in Somerville. Miss Wilkins is a cousin of Alvin George, and will be remembered by her singing, which was so much enjoyed when she was a guest in town.

A very popular winter sport now indulged in by our townsmen is called "Thawing the water pipes". It can be played by any number of people though the head of the house usually leads off. Hot rags, hand lamps and strong language are about all that is needed for a most enjoyable hour.

At the last meeting of the Eastern Star the following officers were elected: Worthy matron Mrs. Jennie L. Proctor; worthy patron, Fred W. Doane; associate matron, Mrs. Martha Callender; secretary, Mrs. Nellie M. Wood; treasurer, Mrs. Flora Bristol; conductor, Mrs. Florence Streeter; associate conductor, Mrs. Mary Pratt; trustee for three years, J. T. Cummings.

January first was moving day for several families. A. W. Proctor vacated the north suite of rooms in his block which his family has been occupying, and Will Mason moved in. The tenement occupied by the latter in Webster Block were immediately occupied by Mrs. Banks. The Northfield Press will vacate its old quarters upstairs as soon as the press can be transferred.

A party of 40 friends of Charles M. Savage, proprietor of Hotel Lathrop at South Deerfield, formerly of Greenfield went to that place Tuesday and took dinner at the hotel in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mr. Savage. He received a gift of a handsome mahogany clock. The party returned by special trolley car. Mr. Savage attended Mt. Hermon and lived in Northfield several years. His grandfather lived at Northfield Farms.

THE FORTNIGHTLY.

The Fortnightly meeting of Monday afternoon last was well attended, and very enjoyable. The secretary, Mrs. Thompson, being absent, Mrs. Carrie Britton was appointed to serve. Following the secretary's report Mrs. Minnie W. Brown and Miss Jennie Haight were elected to fill vacancies on the musical committee. There being no other business, the meeting was placed in the hands of Mrs. Annie W. Coe and her committee, their subject being "The Huguenots: the Life and Times of King Henry of Navarre".

The first number on the program was a song by a quartette composed of Mrs. Maud Williams, Miss Emma Alexander, Mrs. Carrie Britton, and Mrs. Josephine Webster. An excellent paper on the origin and early history of the Huguenots was read by Miss Sue A. Thompson, while the first Huguenot settlements in America, were described by Miss Carol Stearns. There is one church founded by them in 1643 still in existence at Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Webster and Miss Elizabeth Alexander played a duet, a Hungarian rhapsody, which was heartily appreciated. A brief sketch of the life of Prince Henry of Navarre was given by Miss Gertrude Ball, and the costume of his bride was described by Mrs. Coe. Miss Pauline Sykes gave an interesting sketch of Colligny and the Prince Conde, two powerful leaders of the Huguenots, while Henry, Duke of Guise, the leader of the opponents, was briefly described by Miss Sarah Minot. The decisive battle of Ivry was graphically described by Mrs. Webster as introduction to the famous poem on the same subject. The last number on the program was "The Marseillaise" sung by the quartette. This closed a most profitable and interesting meeting, and the club was adjourned to meet again next Monday, Jan. 10.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, marked the installation at Sons of Veterans hall of the officers for 1910 of the following organizations: Henry H. Johnson Post, No. 171, G. A. R.; Henry H. Johnson Relief Corps, No. 164; Rollin C. Ward Post, No. 121, S. of V.; and the Auxiliary of the S. of V. No. 24.

In spite of the very low temperature out doors the exercises were well attended. The ceremonies of installation were impressive, and were conducted by the installing officers with precision and dignity. The members of the organizations made a fine appearance, and those who were privileged to witness the ceremonies as well as those who participated in them were impressed with the spirit of patriotism which predominated throughout. A list of the officers at the time of their election was recently published in the PRESS. After the installation ice cream and cake were served, and the evening closed with a social half hour.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

Building operations in Northfield were not as extensive in 1909 as in some years past. The Seminary completed for dedication in June the Sage Chapel and Music hall, gifts of Mrs. Russell Sage, estimated cost \$150,000. The new depot at West Northfield, together with the bridge over the railroad tracks and the grading and new highways, are all within the township. A. W. Proctor enlarged and improved his block by the new addition. Geo. N. Kidder is erecting a seven-room cottage on Parker avenue. Frank B. Holton thoroughly renovated the Martha Wright estate, and now a fine set of buildings is the result. The Frank Wright house has also been remodelled somewhat, two piazzas added, etc. Stone and Holton erected a small cottage on Birnam Road. There have also been several cottages erected on Rustic Ridge and Mountain Park, each cottage not costing very high but as a whole adding considerable to the town. Frank Spencer erected a house on Birnam Road, south of W. R. Moody's. Mr. Fitt's barn was moved back in the lot last winter, involving changes at the east end of the house that attracted the tax assessors' attention. Mrs. McGrath has recently started the erection of a cottage on Birnam Road, north of the Camp Road.

This year ought to see something done in the erection of a high school building, estimated to cost not exceeding \$22,000.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The vital statistics of Northfield for 1909, as returned to the town clerk, are as follows:

DEATHS.

Feb. 9, Eva F. Dresser, 0 days.
Feb. 10, Eliza A. Wright, 81 years, 11 months, 10 days.
Feb. 28, — Mack, 0 days.
March 14, Lucy U. Woodard, 86 years, 10 months, 0 days.
April 20, Jas. Dresser, 71 years, 11 months, 12 days.
May 3, David Ball, 86 years, 10 months, 27 days.
May 6, — Johnson, 0 days.
May 16, Annie C. Work, 70 years.
May 18, — Hale, 0 days.
May 25, Benj. F. Streeter, 88 years, 4 months, 22 days.
Oct. 17, Chas. A. Linsley, 78 years.
Nov. 9, Chas. H. White, 17 years, 8 months, 6 days.
Nov. 28, Elizabeth U. Thornton, 72 years, 26 days.
Dec. 7, Roxanna B. Mann, 69 years, 3 months, 29 days.
Dec. 15, Mary E. Foley, 16 days.
Dec. 13, Harriet E. A. Asler, 79 years, 7 months, 15 days.
The number of marriages is 17; births, 36. Compared with the previous year the deaths are 16 less, and the number is smaller than recorded for a period of 50 years. Marriages one more, and births 3 more than in 1908.

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the society was held on Tuesday afternoon in the church parlor. The cold weather limited the attendance. The old officers were re-elected as follows: chairman, J. C. Allen; clerk, F. W. Stoddard; treasurer, A. A. Dunklee; deacons, T. W. Johnson and W. A. Newton; deaconesses, Mrs. A. B. Gould and Mrs. T. W. Johnson; trustees, J. C. Allen, F. W. Stoddard and A. A. Dunklee.

The present membership is under 40. The sum of \$115 was carried over in the general treasury, and \$30 in the Sunday school treasury. It is proposed to hold meetings once a month in the old chapel on a week night for some time at least.

A circular has just been issued by the Bureau of Standards discussing electrical measuring instruments in general, describing the various types of instruments, pointing to the sources of error and explaining methods of checking them. The bureau undertakes to test any instruments sent to it for this purpose, making a small charge for the work involved. The circular contains the regulations governing these tests, and a schedule of the fees charged.

COLD FOR PEARY

Weather in Maine Has an Arctic Touch.

The Commander Pays His First Visit To The Capital—Discoverer Of The North Pole Is Given A Series Of Receptions And Delivers A Lecture—He Is Greeted By Many From Several Of The Surrounding Towns.

Augusta, Ga.—Commander Robert E. Peary made his first visit to the capital city of Maine Tuesday since his recent notable achievement, and it almost seemed as though the weather bureau had planned regular Arctic weather for the occasion as it was one of the coldest days of the winter with the mercury in the early morning ranging from 6 to 10 below, accompanied by a biting gale.

Many came here from Lewiston, Waterville, Winthrop, Gardiner and Hallowell. Commander Peary arrived here about noon, when many of the employes from factories were on their way home. They joined the crowd at the station to welcome him on his arrival.

Upon alighting from the train he was met by a committee consisting of Charles S. Hichborn and Charles A. Milliken and in ex-Gov. Hill's automobile was driven to the Augusta house, in company with Hon. Fred G. Kinsman, member of the governor's council.

After a short stay there, during which Commander Peary was informally presented to a number of citizens, he was taken to the national soldiers' home at Togus, where he was the guest at dinner of Gov. John T. Richards, there being included in the party many of the officials of the officials at the home.

To the soldiers his arrival was quite an event and a large number of them gathered at the station when the car rolled in. It was the original intention to greet him also with music from the military band, but owing to the severity of the weather the musicians did not think it advisable to venture out.

In the afternoon Commander Peary gave a short address to the veterans at the opera house, every seat being occupied and some standing in the aisles.

The enthusiasm was pronounced and several cheers were given by the boys in blue.

Upon his arrival back in Augusta, Commander Peary was accorded another reception at the Augusta house in which Gov. Bert M. Fernald and Mayor Treby Johnson were among the central figures, together with members of the city council and prominent citizens.

At his lecture in city hall about 2000 heard the story of the finding of the pole. Much enthusiasm prevailed and many points in the lecture were vigorously applauded. Bowdoin College, his alma mater, was liberally represented. The speaker was introduced by Gov. Fernald.

Following the address a number in the audience went forward to the stage to shake his hand. Later he was driven to the Augusta house, where he was given a reception by the members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, the hotel at times ringing with the cheers of the college men.

At the banquet Lewis A. Burleigh was toastmaster. He introduced as the first speaker Gov. Fernald, who paid a tribute to the explorer. He was followed by Prof. George T. Little of Bowdoin College and Postmaster John V. Lane of this city. Commander Peary was called upon to say a few words and when he arose he was given an enthusiastic greeting. He spoke in a general way of his efforts along scientific lines and referred incidentally to his alma mater as the inspirer of his work.

Insurance Investigation Started.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—An investigation of old line fraternal and benevolent insurance companies operating in St. Louis under the laws of Missouri has been begun by a grand jury at the request of Frank Blake, state commissioner of insurance.

Blake says that many companies have violated the state laws by making false statements as to their assets.

The investigation is also to cover the American Credit Indemnity company, which recently reduced its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$350,000 at the direction of the insurance commissioners of New York and Massachusetts.

Viscount Sone To Explain.

Seoul, Korea—Viscount Sone, Japanese resident general in Korea, has left for Tokio.

It is believed that the resident general will explain his Korean policy to the Japanese government, and, if it is endorsed, that he will return. Should the government fail to approve his plans he will probably resign.

French Aviator Killed.

Bordeaux.—Leon Delagrange, the French aviator, whose achievements during the past two years had won for him a high place among those who have set out to conquer the air, was instantly killed here Tuesday while making a flight in the presence of a great crowd of spectators.

A strong, uncertain wind prevailed but with characteristic daring Delagrange faced it in the same monoplane in which he made a record of 53 miles an hour at the Doncaster meeting last October.

He circled the aerodrome, seeming to have his machine under good control, and yet at times it heeled dangerously to the wind. On the third round, when at a height of between 60 and 70 feet, he increased his speed. He swung wide at the turns, but at the lower end of the aerodrome he attempted to describe a sharp curve. The machine was seen to sway. The left wing was broken and the right wing immediately collapsed.

The aeroplane came plunging to the earth, and it turned half over as it fell with the aviator clinging to the seat. In this way it crashed to the ground with Delagrange beneath, the heavy motor crushing out his life.

The monoplane was doubly braced at the essential points and had been given a careful examination before ascending.

Delagrange's flight was merely preliminary to the attempt which he was to make in the afternoon to break Henry Farman's record. An eye witness describes the machine as moving at an exceptionally high speed.

Delagrange already had completed three turns of the immense aerodrome and was directly over the sheds when suddenly the wings fell over and the machine shot down with the velocity of a projectile, striking the roof of a shed a glancing blow.

The spectators leaped the barriers and rushed to the spot. The first to arrive were Matthys, a pupil of Delagrange, and a gendarme. With great difficulty the broken mass of twisted framework was lifted up.

Delagrange was carried to the shed with infinite care. He groaned feebly twice or thrice, but died a minute later. The body had been literally crushed and the skull was fractured.

Ship Subsidy Bill In.

Washington—Representative Humphrey of Washington introduced a bill in the house Tuesday providing for ship subsidy by the U. S. government, which is understood to have the approval of President Taft and the administration, and to be the one upon which the proponents of subsidy will concentrate their efforts to procure its enactment into law.

The Humphrey bill provides an increase in pay to American ships for carrying the mails to South America, China, Japan, the Philippines and Australia, bringing it up to \$4 a mile for an outward voyage of 400 miles or more. An increased tonnage tax on the transoceanic trade is provided, and it is proposed to admit foreign-built ships to American register for the foreign trade.

The author of the bill, in an explanation of its provisions, said the proposition to increase the pay for carrying the mails was the most important feature of the measures. The postmaster general is authorized to pay second-class ships for carrying the mails the same rate of \$4 a mile, which is now paid to first-class ships.

Mr. Humphrey points out that opponents of ship subsidies seem not to be aware that we already have this subsidy for first-class ships under a law enacted in 1891, which law, he claims, "is responsible for every American vessel on the Atlantic ocean, and if repealed would cause the American flag to disappear from the seas within 60 days."

Mr. Humphrey's measure proposes to bring into the national treasury about a million dollars annually through increased tonnage tax on vessels engaged in the transoceanic trade, "every dollar of which will come from foreign ships," he says. American vessels subject to this tax may have rebated the percent of their tonnage dues by carrying American sailors, or for each thousand tons of the vessel.

Object to Socialists.

New York—Miss Ann Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, objects to the injection of Socialism into such meetings as the striking shirt waist makers held at Carnegie Hall recently. She was at the meeting as a friend of the strikers' cause, but in a statement she deplored the fact that some Socialistic orators were permitted to preach to the girls.

"It is very reprehensible," she said, "for Socialists to take advantage of the dire straits of these poor girls and to teach them their doctrines."

To Study Our Battleships.

St. Petersburg.—The admiralty is planning to send a group of officers to America to study battleship construction. The battleships of the U. S. navy are considered here to represent the most advanced types in the world.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF THE ENTIRE WEEK

COMBINED VIEWS.

One Message Regarding Interstate Commerce And Anti-Trust Laws.

Washington, D. C.—Late Tuesday, after a conference with Senators Aldrich and Root and Attorney General Wickes, President Taft decided to revert to his original plan of combining his views as to amendments to the Interstate commerce and antitrust laws in one message, which he will send to Congress Thursday noon.

This decision is said to be final. The combined message will be about 5000 words in length.

The President has been urged by some senators to treat the two subjects in separate papers and announcement was made recently that this would be done. The time that the messages should go to Congress has been subject to frequent changes on account of various consultations the President desired to have. These conferences have been completed and so have the messages, which combined in the one document, were sent to the government printing office Tuesday night.

At the conclusion of the latest conference between the President and Senators Aldrich and Root, it was announced that the President's proposed railroad legislation would be given the right of way in both Senate and House, and further assurance was given that the proposed changes in the railroad laws will be written in the statute books during the session.

There will be some opposition to the rather drastic legislation which the President will recommend, but this will be overcome, it is said, and the President will be supported in both branches of Congress.

Senators Root and Aldrich went to the White House to discuss various features of the legislative program for the present session, as well as the special messages. The decision as to the railroad legislation being given precedence over all other administration measures was the only definite conclusion reached. As to the ship subsidy the postal saving banks, changes in the conservation laws, and the proposed federal incorporation act, neither senator would say when they would be given consideration.

The President will transmit to Congress on Friday the report of the attorney general and all the papers connected with the Glavis charges against Secretary Ballinger, these papers have been called for in resolution offered by Senator Flint of California, and the special message on conservation will go in the latter part of next week.

Blizzard In Chicago.

Chicago—Chicago is in the throes of a genuine blizzard, the wind blowing 40 miles an hour and driving before it sheets of blinding sleet.

In the downtown quarter, where the velocity of the wind is intensified in the tunnel-like streets, formed by the walls of high buildings, traffic is seriously impeded, pedestrians have been blown off their feet and plate glass windows shattered.

Sidewalks and streets were covered with icy snow within a few hours and the report late at night from the weather bureau was that the storm, which came from the west, would not abate for hours.

The minimum temperature was one degree above zero early in the day, rising gradually to 18 degrees. The storm from the west is the worst of the season, following three weeks of hard winter weather.

Storm Rushing East.

Washington—Out of the west is rushing a severe blizzard which will hold the Atlantic coast in its grip. It is central over Missouri, with exceedingly heavy snows in the upper Mississippi valley and snow and high winds over the lake region and the Ohio valley.

According to reports received by the weather bureau the fury of the storm may be somewhat broken in the southern Atlantic states by the time it has reached the coast, the snow probably turning to rain in those states.

In the northern states, however, the outlook is for a more severe storm.

Fears Zelaya's Vengeance.

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Salvador Castrillo, Estrada's representative to this government, has grave fears that Zelaya's followers have revenged themselves upon his family for his revolutionary activities in Washington.

Castrillo's father has been imprisoned by Zelaya and he also fears for his wife and children. He has not heard from his people in more than two weeks. Cablegrams from him to Consul Calderon asking about his relatives have brought no reply.

Threat of Trouble at Barcelona.

Madrid—News from Barcelona has caused Gen. Weyler, captain general of Catalonia, to curtail his visit here, and he will leave immediately for his post. Anarchists threaten a general strike, unless amnesty is granted those who took part in the recent disorders.

The troops are now held in their barracks, in readiness for an emergency.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Parish (Unitarian)
Main street and Parker avenue.
Services at 10:45 a. m.
Sunday school, 12 m.

Trinitarian Congregational.
Main street, near Mill Brook.
Rev. N. Fay Smith, pastor.
Sundays, 10:45, 12, 6:45 and 7:30 p. m.
Thursdays, 8 p. m.

St. Patrick's Parish.
Main street.
Rev. J. S. Nelligan, pastor.
Services every alternate Sunday at 8:30 a. m.

Advent Christian Church.
South Vernon.
Rev. A. E. Phelps, pastor.
Sundays, 10:45, 12, 6:30 and 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

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Rev. Mr. Birks is expected to preach at the Unitarian church next Sunday.

A report of the annual meeting of the Advent church at South Vernon will be found in another column.

A parish meeting will be held at the Unitarian church next Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:30, to consider the filling of the vacancy in the pastorate.

Mrs. L. R. Smith's Bible class will resume its weekly sessions this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Miss Merriman's. All ladies are invited to attend regularly.

Rev. L. S. Chafer will preach at the North church on Sunday morning, while the pastor is filling his regular monthly appointment at Mount Hermon church. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Chafer will conduct a praise service, with the assistance of other friends.

The southeast corner of the lower hall in the Congregational church has been boarded off in line with the wall back of the platform, so as to provide a separate room for the primary department of the Sunday school. W. W. Coe acted as superintendent of the junior department last Sunday, while Mr. Roberts is absent on a vacation.

The song service at the Unitarian church last Sunday morning was a great success. The Christmas music was much enjoyed. B. F. Field read a sermon of Rev. Charles G. Ames of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, as part of the exercises. There was a good attendance. Owing to the temporary breakdown of the furnace the gathering was held in the vestry.

The Sewing society of the Unitarian church had a most enjoyable meeting at Mrs. Fred Allen's last week. Owing to the extreme cold only a dozen ladies were able to be present. They accomplished considerable work in preparation for the fair, which they hope to hold later in the month. Mrs. Allen treated her guests to a sumptuous chicken-pie repast.

The Week of Prayer has been observed at the Congregational church by meetings each evening, beginning on Tuesday. The subjects proposed by the Evangelical Alliance have been as follows, with leaders: Tuesday, "Foundations Unshaken and Immovable," L. S. Chafer; Wednesday, "The Church of God on Earth," E. F. Howard; Thursday, "Missions the Necessary Expression of Christian Devotion," Rev. N. Fay Smith. Tonight is the last meeting, at 7:30, the subject being "The Things Within the Kingdom and Without," with Mr. Fitt as leader.

AROUND THE HUB

(Special Correspondence.)

After the Storm.

After the tragedies of the holiday, the phenomenally high tides that accompanied the storm possessed the greatest general interest, this was because to a great majority of people the tides were higher than ever before known, as well as because the tides did the greater part of the damage to property.

John H. Edmonds, formerly of the city engineer's office, who has made a study of tides for many years, made measurements of the flood Sunday, and discovered that it lacked two-tenths of a foot of being up to the highest tide in the three days' storm of April, 1861, when Minots Light was twisted from its foundation and topped with its keepers into the wild riot of the waves.

That Minots Light tide measured

(Boston base) 15 6-10 feet. The tide Sunday, the reading being taken at a place where the water was quiet—rose to a height of 15 4-10 feet, almost as great as the other, which is the highest on record. It was four-tenths higher than the Nov. 27 tide, during the storm of 1898 in which the steamer Portland was lost with all on board, and seven-tenths higher than the tide of Jan. 25, 1895, which threw water up into Atlantic avenue, and put some of the wharves a few inches awash.

In this city the telephone, telegraph and electric lighting companies spoke in tones of striking optimism with regard to the progress of repairing the storm damage and restoring normal conditions in their various branches of public service. It will take several days more, however, to complete the work.

The first step taken by the wire service companies to combat the situation was to rig up temporary circuits, and by this process of patching it has been possible to open service to most of the cut-off areas, although it is still necessary to accept much of the telegraph business subject to inevitable delays.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph company reported that temporary toll lines reaching into the centers of the storm damage have been patched up and business is being handled subject to certain delays.

Famous Musician Dead.

Carl Zerrahn, of world-wide fame in musical circles and for 42 years conductor of the Handel and Haydn society, died last week at the home of his son, Franz E. Zerrahn, at Brush Hill, Milton. Early in the month he suffered a shock from which he did not recover.

Mr. Zerrahn was born July 28, 1826, at Malchow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. In his 12th year he began the study of music under Friedrich Weber at Bostock and afterward at Hanover and Berlin. In 1848 he made one of the band of young musicians who, as "The Germania musical society," made a concert tour of the United States. One of the troupe, Carl Bergmann, became conductor of the Handel and Haydn society in 1852 and four years later was succeeded by Zerrahn.

For 42 years Mr. Zerrahn was conductor with ever-increasing success. His thorough musical knowledge and refined taste, combined with a wonderful control of those under his direction and eager care for the honor of the society, rendered him uniquely fitted for the position.

His influence in securing the best efforts from every member of both chorus and orchestra was unprecedented, while his devotion and energy were untiring. To him was largely due the success of the festivals and work of the society.

Mr. Zerrahn made tours throughout the country, managing festivals and winning wide appreciation. He was active in the organization and direction of the great musical jubilees of 1869 and 1872. He had part in the direction of the old orchestral union concerts, those of the Harvard musical association, of the Philharmonic orchestra, of the Orpheus musical society and the annual Worcester musical festival. He directed also choral societies and festivals in many towns in New England and New York.

General Hospital Benefits.

Judge Hammond of the supreme court decided that the Massachusetts general hospital was entitled to a fund of \$25,000 created under the will of John Ashton, who died in 1867, reversing a decree of the probate court for Middlesex county in favor of the Soldiers' home in Chelsea.

The testator left the residue of his property for the benefit of his children, and on the death of the last survivor, without issue, it was to go to the Massachusetts hospital for diseased and wounded soldiers. The will was executed in 1863 and the testator was interested in the welfare of the soldiers who served in the war.

The bequest has become operative and the Soldiers' home and the Massachusetts general hospital claimed to be entitled to the fund. The probate court held that the Soldiers' home, which has a hospital, should have the bequest, since it carried out the evident purpose of the testator.

Evidence was offered to show that at the time the will was executed the Massachusetts general hospital was commonly known as the Massachusetts hospital and that it treated a large number of diseased and wounded soldiers. The hospital claimed it was the institution the testator had in mind when he made the bequest.

There was never an institution incorporated under the name of the Massachusetts hospital for diseased and wounded soldiers.

End of Old Warship.

Another Step Toward Election. The entire Municipal League slate for mayor, school committee, and nine candidates for the city council, has been declared by the election commissioners to have the 5000 names required by the Plan 2 charter law for a place on the ballot for the election Jan. 11.

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MR. ARTHUR PHILIPS.

"Musical America," one of the leading musical magazines in the country, has a flattering notice in a recent issue of a former Northfieldian, Arthur Phillips. It says:

"The Singers' Club of New York, Arthur Phillips, director, held the first private concert of its seventh season in the grand ball-room of the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15. The club was assisted by Mrs. Talbot R. Chambers, soprano; Franklin Riker, tenor; James Stanley, bass, and Mrs. Charles E. Sholes, accompanist. The program was as follows:

"Cossack War Song," Parker; "The Brook and the Nightingale," Filke; "Holde Fraue," Sjogren; "Marguerite," "Mother o' Mine," Tours; Aria from "Jeanne d'Arc," Tschalkowsky; "Bring Her Again to Me," Hastings; "When I Meet a Friend," Grieg; "Four Nonsense Songs," Lang; "June," Beach; "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal," Quilter; "The Cheerful Sunbeam," Hastings; "Lungi dal' Caro Bene," Secchi; "In diesen heil'gen Hallen," Mozart; "Recompense," Hommand; "Creation Hymn," Beethoven.

"The Singers' Club is a male chorus, the members of which possess considerable ability, if one may judge by the two singers who were put up as soloists and the choral work of the evening. The club is well balanced, and sings technically well. During the entire evening there was not the slightest suspicion of that out-of-tuneness so prevalent in the work of male choruses, and the tone quality was always refined and smooth. The club sang with a good deal of emotional freedom, and showed a ready response to Mr. Phillips' baton.

"To Mr. Phillips, as the director, may be given much of the credit for the excellent work of the evening. While he is an able director, no doubt much of the good singing of the club is due to his ability as a vocal teacher to impart to them the knowledge which enables them to produce an exceptionally beautiful tone quality."

We hope Northfield may be favored again by hearing Mr. Phillips. In addition to his work as a vocal teacher, with office in the Carnegie studios, 56th street and 7th avenue, New York, Mr. Phillips is choirmaster of the Madison avenue Baptist church. His Northfield friends are glad and congratulate him upon his successful career, for his own sake and for his father's sake.

HERE AND THERE.

A feature of the holiday rush at the Brattleboro post office was the veritable deluge of Christmas post-cards. Thousands and thousands of greetings in this form went in and out of Brattleboro all Christmas week. One local carrier claims to have delivered 1763 cards on one trip, and his load was no larger than the average. Local postcard dealers say they never before had such an enormous trade in this particular line.

During the passing of the drive of the Connecticut River Lumber Company last summer the late George Van Dyke expressed a doubt whether another drive would be sent down the river. Charles H. Green of White River Junction, during his recent visit to Brattleboro at the time of the annual meeting of the State Forestry Association, expressed the opinion that the project at McIndoe Falls, started by Mr. Van Dyke, will not result in discontinuing the driving of logs on the Connecticut, and said that it is understood by lumbermen along the river that a drive will go down next spring. Exchange.

Begins on January 12 there will be a three days' exhibition of pictures at Winchester for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of pictures for the public schools. The col-

lection of carbon photographs and engravings, loaned by A. W. Blum & Co. of Boston, is a large one, and contains only the very best reproductions of the masterpieces of art of different countries and periods. Nearly every gallery and country in the world would have to be visited to see the original pictures which are here brought together in one collection. Two years ago there was an exhibition of the Turner reproductions which were a great success. The interest and enthusiasm of the children from the different grades was delightful to witness. But the parents and citizens were in many cases too indifferent. The wholesome and refining influence of pictures of the right sort in the school walls is now generally recognized. For the sake of the children let us plan to attend this exhibition. The larger the attendance, the greater the number of pictures that can be secured for the schools.—Star.

A distinguished member of the National Geographic Society is responsible for this latest addition to the literature of the polar controversy.

"I was passing some little colored boys on my way downtown a day or so ago and noticed that they were playing with two very pretty kittens. I asked the leader of the party if he had named the kittens.

"'Aw, yes,' was his reply, 'I calls 'em Tawn and Jerry.'

"'Why not call them Cook and Peary?'" I asked.

"'Deed, boss,' was the quick rejoinder, 'dese yere ain't polecats.'" —Washington Letter in New York World.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following are the principal real estate transfers in the township as shown by deeds recorded at the Registry of Deeds office at Greenfield, the week before last:

Frank E. Aldrich to Frank B. Holton, real estate adjoining land of Ebenezer Webb; Mary E. Dickinson to Ernest Moshman, real estate adjoining land now or formerly of Roswell S. Dickinson. Alton J. Miner to Howard C. Page, real estate on Munn's Ferry road. Howard C. Page to Jesslyn H. Miner, real estate on Munn's Ferry road. Mt. Hermon Boys' School to Wallace H. Flandreau of New Rochelle, N. Y., real estate on road from Northfield to Mt. Hermon at Bennett's Meadow, \$1897.80.

A HEFTY FAMILY.

One of the most unusual Christmas gatherings was held by Uncle Jim and Aunt Jane Aldrich at their home, when all their eight children were present: Mrs. Nellie Holland of Eving, Frank Aldrich of Northfield Farms, Mrs. Kate Powers of Bernardston, Charles, William and Edgar, all of West Northfield; Fred Aldrich of Athol, Mrs. Ida Chickering of West Chesterfield, N. H. The combined weight of the children and parents was 2010 pounds. We doubt if there is another such hefty family anywhere near us, and the whole town is proud of this record.—West Northfield correspondent, Gazette and Courier.

Kettle of Fish.

The slang phrase "a kettle of fish" really means before it, acquired its present sense!

Colloquial, of course, but is it slang? Without presuming to establish a hard and fast line of the Masons and the Dixons in our speech it does seem that 1800 might be a convenient division, and to hold that any expression now in use which can establish itself in the eighteenth or earlier century might be spared the slur that slang generally implies. This locution certainly clears the limit thus proposed, for it was first printed in 1742 in Fielding's "Joseph Andrews," "Here's a pretty kettle of fish," cries Mrs. Townouse. Though most kettles of fish are pretty, this is by no means the only adjective admitted. In "Tom Jones" there is "a rare kettle of fish," the Duke of Wellington in 1800 wrote of "a fine kettle of fish" and in 1820 Lady Granville called her kettle of fish nice. It has been suggested that this kettle of fish is really the kidde or weir in which fish are taken, in effect the shad nets of the North River may be kiddies of fish. The suggestion is plausible, but there is no evidence to prove the passage from the weir to the pot. These kiddies are a part of the history of the Tower of London, for St. Thomas's tower, the water gate, Traitors' Gate of bloody fame, was largely built from the license tax which the Bishop of Rochester levied on the kiddies in the Lea, the Medway, and the Thames. There were riots over these ancient bargemen have possessed a fine bow of language ever since—New York Sun.

FRANCE RICHER NOW THAN AS MONARCHY.

Wealth in the Last Fifty Years
Has Been Built Up to \$46,000,
000,000.

Viscount Georges d'Avenel, a political economist, who has the unique gift of making statistics interesting, has given a curious historical lecture on the wealth of France. His view is that democracy enriches, instead of impoverishes, a nation, and he certainly proves it as far as France is concerned.

France to-day is six times richer than she was under the old monarchy, and ten times richer than in the Middle Ages. Her total fortune amounts to \$46,000,000,000, as compared with \$9,000,000,000 only recently.

Moreover, her present wealth has been built up almost solely in the last fifty years. Of the great fortunes of the eighteenth century, either in estate or movable property, almost none survive to-day. In particular, the few large landed estates of to-day have been all formed during the past half century.

This is, of course, the country where property is most evenly distributed, and the Viscount gives some remarkable figures in this connection. Only 5000 persons in France own capital yielding \$20,000 a year.

The lecturer also mentioned the low pay of civil servants, of whom only 1000 draw salaries of \$3000 a year, which is a small figure compared with the earnings of men employed in business; the three managers of a certain large shop, for instance, which is only one of half a dozen similar establishments in Paris, being paid \$40,000 a year each.

Present incomes, in spite of the equalization of property, are far greater than those of past centuries. Thus, the total annual revenue of the Crown under Saint Louis never reached an amount the purchasing value of which to-day would be \$900,000, and the Queen's privy purse was equivalent only to \$9000 a year.

The conclusion of the lecturer's historical survey of the wealth of France was a prophecy for the future: Three hundred years hence, Socialism will be remembered by historians as a quaint fad, and they will be amused to think that for a brief period in the past men seriously feared it.

WISE WORDS.

Fine talk often hides a coarse purpose.

Fast persons are forever running into debt.

Many of us are worse than we are painted.

We rarely get notes when we sell things for a song.

Those who weigh their words usually give a fair measure.

As a rule a bad luck story has a "teaching" sequel.

It takes a man of well rounded character to give every one a square deal.

It is only by downing our weaknesses that we can rise to great heights.

When it comes to singing our own praises our voices are always strong.

Widow weeds are not always grave affairs.

Distance lends enchantment, but proximity gets the man.

The hottest pursuit is after a case of indifference.

In the realm of love a man hard hit is proud of it.

Some people are as narrow as the streets in which they live.

Be suspicious of the man who carries his money in a little tight pocket-book.—From "Flashes of Philosophy," in the New York Evening Telegram.

Smooth!

Robert Harborough Sherard, a magazine writer and grandson of the poet Wordsworth, on his recent American visit, gave a dinner at the Plaza to a large number of magazine editors.

Mr. Sherard was at his best at this dinner. In magazine circles his "mots" are still being quoted with laughter.

One not concerned the wine, a very rich and fruity port which was served in English fashion, with the fruit and nuts at the dinner's end. All praised this wine. As for Mr. Sherard, rolling it upon his tongue, then swallowing it with closed eyes, he cried ecstatically:

"It slips down like an angel in a pair of velvet trousers!"—Washington Star.

Shipbuilding in Japan.

The largest shipbuilding establishment in Japan is the one at Nagasaki, founded by the Government in 1857. In 1884, however, this yard was sold to Baron Iwasa, its principal owner, and is now known as the Mitsui Shipyards. When the undertaking was sold by the imperial authorities 800 men were employed. To-day 3600 are employed.

The ship measured ten feet seven inches from the tip of its tail to the tip of long spike sword. The tail measured four feet across.—Avalon

correspondence, Chicago Tribune.

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Lands a 339 Pound Swordfish.

Ex-Congressman C. G. Conn of Indiana broke all previous swordfish records this afternoon, landing a 339 pounder while fishing for tuna. Conn was trolling when a swordfish took the bait and made off for a fight lasting an hour and 30 minutes. This is the largest swordfish ever caught at Catalina and probably the largest ever caught on this coast.

The fish measured ten feet seven inches from the tip of its tail to the tip of long spike sword. The tail measured four feet across.—Avalon

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It is said that a growth of ivy absorbs the moisture from a stone wall rather than imparts it, as is popularly supposed.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

At Orange George Clancy, proprietor of the Waverly House, pleaded guilty to illegal selling and keeping of liquor. He paid a fine of \$50 for the former offense, and the latter complaint was filed away, as Mr. Clancy announced that he had purchased a hotel in Windsor, Conn., and was about to leave the state.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Newcomb of Leyden was celebrated last Saturday at their home. They were married on New Years day, 1869, in Leyden, and came to live in the house which had been Mr. Newcomb's boyhood home and has ever since been theirs. About 200 invitations were issued to the wedding celebration, which extended throughout the afternoon and evening.

The marriage took place yesterday of Samuel D. Conant, associate justice of the district court at Greenfield, and Miss Mary A. Howard of Randolph, Vt. Miss Howard taught school in Greenfield from 1890 to 1895, being engaged as teacher by Mr. Conant while he was on the school board. She boarded two years in Mr. Conant's family, of which she has been an intimate friend. She has been teaching more recently in the schools of Springfield. They will be away on a wedding journey of a month to Jamaica.

In a double raid Thursday night the county police found contraband goods at the Maplewood Tavern in Whately and the Pocumtuck House in Deerfield. Deputy Sheriff E. F. Haskins of Charlemont, with Constables W. C. Sanderson and L. A. Arms of Deerfield, did the searching at the Maplewood, getting quite a quantity of whiskey and beer. It took a long time to locate the liquor, but it was at last discovered in an old chimney oven. The proprietor of the house, William A. Dwyer, is awaiting trial at the March term of the superior court for keeping a liquor nuisance. He was found guilty in the district court and took an appeal. At the Pocumtuck Hotel Deputy Sheriff C. A. Davis and Patrolman John Redding, both of Turners Falls, found a small quantity of whiskey and beer. The raids were made at the instance of the Law Enforcement League, who will look after the prosecution of the proprietors.—Greenfield Recorder.

Northfield Seminary

Rev. N. Fay Smith will conduct the service in Sage Chapel on Sunday evening.

Classes reopened on Wednesday. It was a bitterly cold day on Tuesday when the girls returned.

Next Monday evening at 7.30, Dr. H. Powers will give a stereopticon lecture on "The Passion Play at Oberammergau" in Stone Hall as a number of the Entertainment Course. General admission, 25 cents.

Miss Tissier of Alabama, at present an art student in New York, slipped between Weston Hall and the chapel on Tuesday last, and broke a limb. After this was temporarily set by Dr. Wood, Miss Tissier was driven in the ambulance to the Greenfield hospital. She was looking over the buildings with her sister, a former student.

Mount Hermon School

The total enrollment for this term is 415. Thirty of these are new students.

R. Moody spoke at both the morning and evening chapel services last Sunday.

Miss Hurd is taking Miss Mabel M. Learoyd's classes, the latter being away on her vacation.

Professor A. R. Speppard, head of the music department, was married on December 22 to Miss Rheinhart. They are now living in Music Hall.

George H. Blakeslee, Professor of history in Clark college, is booked to give an illustrated address on "Hawaii" before the Saturday Club tomorrow.

Last Monday's reception was given to the new students under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

The following program was rendered: German Band, leader, J. S. Collwell; Faculty Sextette, Prof. Foye, Benedict, Patterson, Peters, Smith, and Phaeched; Reading, Prof. Hastings; Piano solo, J. M. Phillips; Harmon Quartette, Messrs. Collings, Doremus, Dick, and Brunjes; Impersonation, "Sewing on Buttons," and "Eating Grapes," James C. Healey; Welcome Speech by President of the Y. M. C. A., H. J. Magill; Solo, H. F.

Dauphin; McNamara's Band, leader, R. C. Doremus.

After the program refreshments were served, and a pleasant social time was spent, getting acquainted with the new boys.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Youth is forever challenging, never qualifying.

A sneer on a woman's lips is like poison in nectar.

Men deny women's brains because they are afraid of them.

A woman can believe her marriage was made in heaven if she lives it in a hell.

People on the stage could learn a lot about acting by studying family reunions.

There is ever so much more steady, dependable fun in content than in happiness.

Next to weddings and funerals a woman gets the most satisfaction out of religion.

A man's idea of a bad temper is a wife who won't be scolded without scolding back.

The smartest trick a girl plays on a man is, after she does it, to make him think she didn't.

There's nothing a woman does so skillfully as to ave her weight so as a man has to guess where it is.

The thing that makes a man most concealed about himself is for a girl to tell him he doesn't seem so.

It's imagination that makes people believe they are having fun when they are just being plain fools.

A man can always get more interested in a theory about Mars than in a fact about his bread and butter.

When a girl doesn't know whether she wants to marry a man or not it's a sign he's probably the fellow who will get her.

The reason a girl can get so much out of her father by wheedling him is she can make him believe nobody could do it to him.

Sympathy for people in trouble is pretending you feel as bad for them as they would pretend to feel for you if it was your trouble.

The reason children keep everybody in hot water is they lie when they ought to tell the truth and tell the truth when they ought to lie.

The thing that makes a man maddest with his wife is for his collar button to roll under the bureau when she is away from home, so he has to find it for himself.—From "Reflections of a Bachelor" in the New York Times.

The Tip Slavish.

Often the opinion has been expressed that tip-taking is incompatible with the dignity that should characterize citizens of a free country. Now comes a Chicago jury commissioner with the declaration that men who make their living by accepting tips are not of a character to make good jurors, and that, therefore, it is the practice in Chicago, to ignore porters, cabmen and waiters in selecting veniremen. Waiters ought to demand and receive fair wages from the proprietors of the hotels and restaurants in which they work. Their employers should be ashamed to force them to prey upon the public.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Old Oil Fields Active.

Oil oozing from dry holes in abandoned sections of the Sour Lake, Saratoga, and Spindle Top oil fields, in Texas, are attracting attention, new wells have been sunk and four gushers brought in thus far. Test wells are now being sunk in all sections of the abandoned fields in hopes of renewing them.

Scientists and expert oil men say the disturbance in the bed of the Gulf some weeks ago is responsible for the resurrection of the oil fields.—New York Tribune.

Rosemary for Remembrance.

We had a happy life together, mother, and me. Somehow, Doc, I've taken to missin' 'er ag'in lately, an' I like it. It's company to me, missin' 'er is. When the dead are clear forgot, they cease to be company to us.—Ruth Moore Stuart in Century.

Foreclosed.

A famous detective was talking in Chicago about the interesting statistics of his recently published report.

"Yes, it is true," he said, "that we catch the criminal more frequently than we used to. It is true, too, that knowing the criminal's ways, we forecast him—we take preventive measures that reduce crime enormously."

"We are like," he resumed, "the Delmar deacons. This deacon was passing the collection plate on Sunday morning. When he came to a certain penurious Delmar citizen he noticed that the man extended toward the plate, not a hand with a coin displayed between the finger and thumb, but a slightly closed fist.

"The deacon frowned at the fat jerked the plate back from it.

"Give it to me, Mr. Keene," he whispered audibly, "one has just come off my vest."—Minneapolis Journal.

AURORA BOREALIS.

Buffalo Gets Clear View of Phenomenon of the North.

Shooting up from behind a bank of black clouds on the northern horizon, the aurora borealis illuminated the entire northern heavens for several hours with an unusual brilliancy. The phenomenon appeared first about 7 o'clock, and the spectrum of the rays, carrying all the colors of the rainbow, did not fade until 11 o'clock. Just after dark a ray of light shot toward the zenith of the sky, then other rays appeared, and a little later the brilliant sight was perfected with concentric arcs of color. Then the entire northern sky was lighted with an uncanny glow, which was particularly bright in the northeast.

Greenish stems of light flashed from the most northern points of the horizon to the very top of the heavens; then these were succeeded by shafts of a peculiar bluish tint, followed by flashes of white, indistinct, cloudlike forms. An hour after the spectrum faded it suddenly reappeared, and a moment later as instantly was extinguished.

Until after midnight wavering beams of light flashed in the sky, while puffs of smoky white appeared here and there like flashes of heat lightning. When the electrical display was at the height of its beauty a score of thin shafts pointed straight from the north into the sky like ribs of a fan. Thousands of persons were attracted by the phenomenon and watched the play of the lights during the evening. Little or no trouble was experienced by the telegraph companies, as sometimes happens during an exhibition of the northern lights.—Buffalo Times.

Odd Source of Revenue.

The last of the French lotteries recently had its first drawing. The last State lottery in England took place nearly a hundred years ago. When, in 1807, the pious Wilberforce had succeeded in abolishing the slave trade, he asked his friend Thornton what they should abolish next. "The lottery," said Thornton; but it was not till 1826 that the lottery made its final departure.

North once wanted

raise £40,000 by a lottery, says the London Graphic. It was opposed by the most reckless gambler in the House—Charles James Fox. It was

approved by a man who never gambled at all—King George the Third. "Unless," the King wrote, "man-kind could be prevented from gaming, I am certain it is right for the public to avail itself of that vice rather than levy taxes on the necessities of life."

And many Englishmen who now

find their industry and thrift penalized by taxation may think there was something in the King's argument.—New York World.

Confucius.

Confucius regarded his own life as a failure. He spoke against ambition, yet he coveted high office, nothing less than that of political adviser to some great ruler. A man of the highest lineage in China, he was yet poor, and early supported himself by teaching. His pupils showed him an extraordinary devotion. The pick of the young men in his native State of Lu sat at his feet, and it was they who transmitted his tremendous influence. But Confucius saw not his immortal success, but his temporal failure. Only for a few brief years did circumstances permit him to exercise his practical genius for government. He became first a magistrate, then Chief Criminal Judge in Lu, and, to quote Professor Legge, "crime ceased." Confucius, however, became dissatisfied with the ruler whom he served, a weak man who neglected his duty and gave himself up more and more to dissipation. So he resigned his post and banished himself.

Scientists and expert oil men say the disturbance in the bed of the Gulf some weeks ago is responsible for the resurrection of the oil fields.—Spectator.

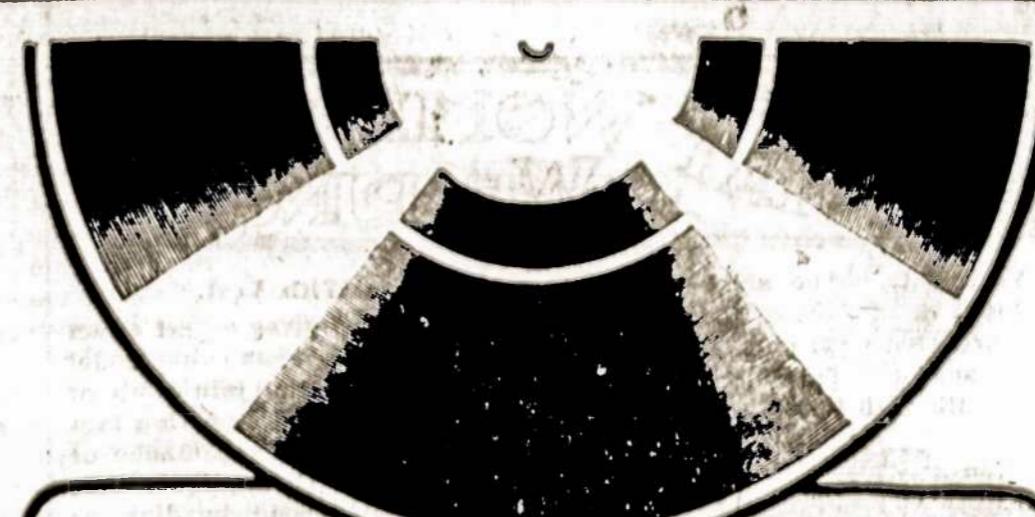
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Rhode Island received its name from what was supposed to be a resemblance in colour to the Island of Rhodes in the Mediterranean.

WHAT WOMEN ARE WEARING

New York City.—The shirt waist that is closed at the left of the front in double breasted style makes a novelty of the season. This one can be made from silk with trimming of vel-



vet, as in this instance, from flannel, albatross, cashmere or any similar waisting can be utilized for such washable ones as linen, madras and the like. The two pleats at each side of the front provide becoming fullness. The sleeves are of the regulation shirt waist sort, and the waist can be closed either by means of buttons and buttonholes or invisibly as liked.

The waist consists of fronts and back. It includes one-piece sleeves that are finished with overlaps and straight cuffs and a high turned-over collar.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and a half yards twenty-four or twenty-seven, three yards thirty-two or one and seven-eighths yards forty-four inches wide with three-eighths yard of silk or velvet for collar and cuff.

Odd Coat Collars.

The new coat collars are odd and attractive and cut on decidedly novel lines.

Quills For Hats.

Quills, very long and very odd, are prominent upon walking hats.

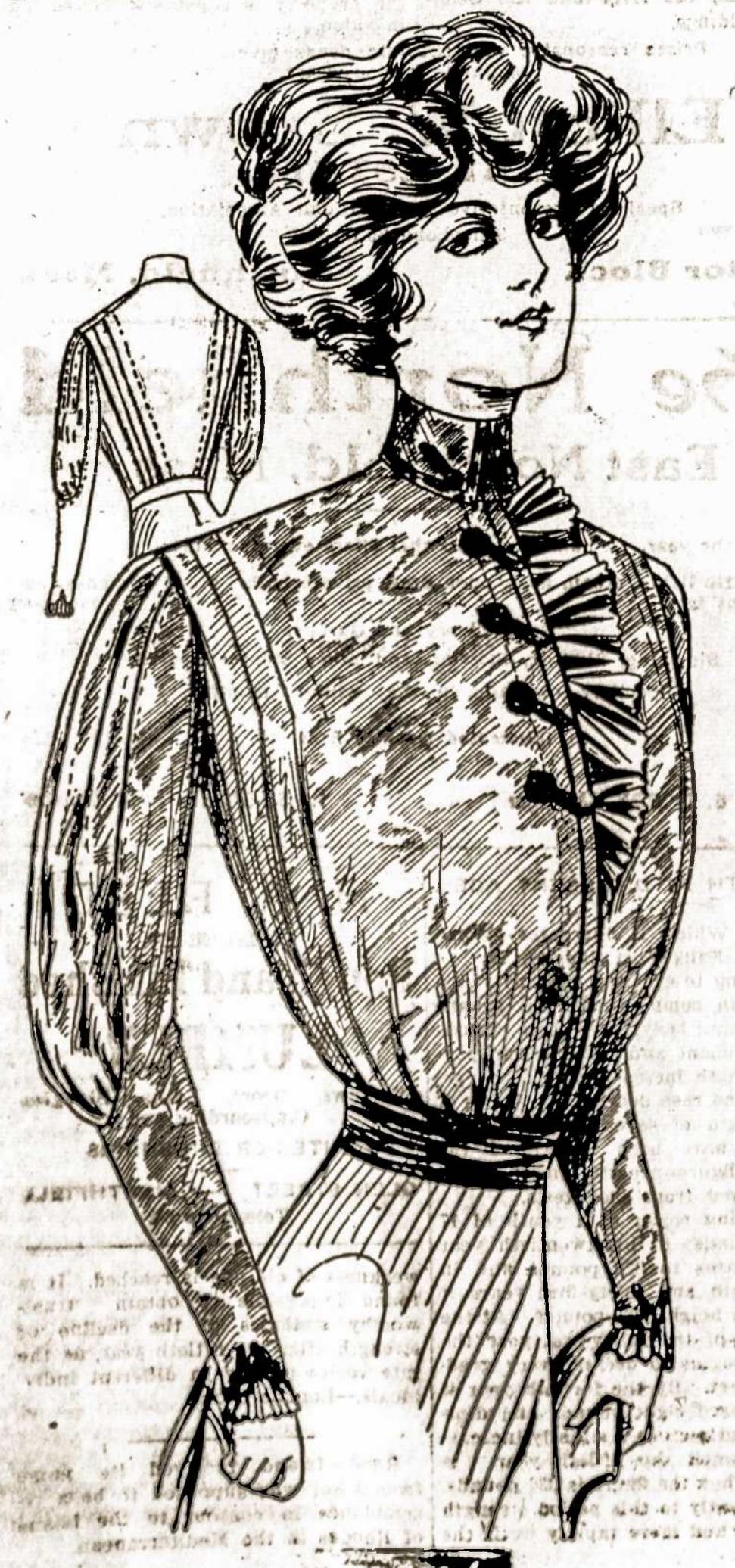
Blouse With Vest.

The blouse that gives a vest effect is always a smart one, and this model can be trimmed with plain rows of banding, as illustrated, or with a fancy design executed with soutache or rat-tail cord, or with applique, with a single row of broad banding or with contrasting material or, indeed, in any way that may be liked. The essential feature is found in the cut of the front and the vest effect. The ribbon bow is fashionable, but not essential. In the illustration mercerized cotton poplin is trimmed with straight rows of braid, but all waistings are appropriate and all materials that are used for simple costumes, for the design is just as well adapted to wear with the skirt to match as it is for use with the odd one or the coat suit. Moire velours is being much used for odd waists and suits this design admirably well. It also is to be commended for French flannel, as well as for the familiar linens, madras and materials of the sort.

The waist is made with the fitted



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NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

(Special Correspondence.)

Joint Congressional Investigation—The forthcoming congressional investigation of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was the subject of a recent conference between President Taft and Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania. Mr. Dalzell said later that the investigation would unquestionably be carried forward by a joint committee. President Taft has agreed with the leaders of the senate and house that a joint investigation, open to the public, will be the best means of thoroughly dealing with the matter.

The Big Stick for Mexico—Now it is Mexico that is feeling the big stick of the state department. Sec. Knox has sharply called Mexico down for abuse of an American citizen. It is rarely that such plain language is used as Sec. Knox has employed to make Mexico understand that this country will not be played with. Sec. Knox's telegram to Ambassador Thompson at the City of Mexico, sent several days ago, reads as follows: "What reply has been received, if any, to embassy's note to foreign office, regarding Cook? His long imprisonment without trial is causing considerable agitation in various parts of the United States and arousing not a little criticism and unfriendly feeling. The department would consider it most unfortunate, which feeling Mexico will no doubt share, if disposition of this case were such as to afford occasion for undue agitation in this country. The president is being importuned to take action, and has asked the department for a report. You may informally show this cable to the minister for foreign affairs." The friction now existing will display itself in a good deal of nagging and pinpricking on both sides. Mr. Root as secretary of state established a strong entente between the United States and the Latin American republics, but the feeling of cordiality has been replaced by one of suspicion and rather studious insolence.

Census Tests Not Difficult—Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerators' places Saturday, Feb. 5, the date finally set by the United States Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the census bureau. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places. It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the 1910 census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of "typical families" and in the case of immigrants whose test will be in the rural districts they will be called upon to cost or efficiency."



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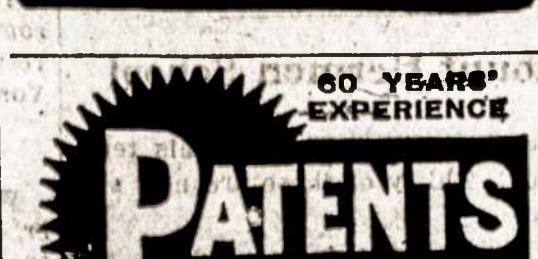
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to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information by the census bureau. All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators, must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest, and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Saving in Postal Service—Confronted with a deficit of \$17,479,770 the present administration of the post office department began its operations. This was the largest deficit in the history of the postal service. So long as the deficit in the department aggregated only a few millions of dollars annually little attention was paid to it, but when in the past few years it leaped to upward of \$10,000,000, and finally in 1909 exceeded \$17,000,000, "ordinary business prudence suggested that the causes be definitely located." These are statements in the annual report of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, made public last week. The report says, in part: "Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second-class mail matter and rural delivery. The loss on second class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until it now amounts to \$64,000,000. The loss from rural delivery, a service begun hardly a dozen years ago and of unprecedented growth, reached as high as \$28,000,000. Since the opening of the administration the postmaster general and his assistants have adopted measures in conformity with the president's policy of retrenchment, and these measures are being put into effect with substantial results. It should be stated with emphasis, however, that economy is not to be enforced at the

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I rode by brambled path and glen,
And scaled a mount above;
But, sooth, I struck my colors then,
For this domain was Love!

HER REAL MARTYRDOM.

By ALICE LOUISE LEE.

Under the maples back of the Hazlitt house the Ladies' Aid Society was holding a business meeting. The group numbered a bare two dozen. Time had been when the houses at Mecca Summit could hardly hold the members.

No one ever asked for an explanation of the change except the new ministers, and they did not inquire long.

"It's only the unwilling workers and givers who have dropped by the wayside," the president of the society often remarked, resignedly; but there were those—among whom was Mehitable Winthrop—that held to another opinion.

The subject under discussion at this business meeting was the annual Fourth of July dinner given in the church vestry, and largely attended by the summer people down at the lake.

The president, Mrs. Cox, sat in an armchair facing the group of ladies. It was difficult to remember the time when Mrs. Cox had not been president. She was a tall, thin woman, colorless and wiry, a bundle of nerves under good control, but not in perfect repair. Mrs. Cox was the most capable woman in the church, at least so every one believed—including Mrs. Cox herself!

"What would we do without her?" sighed Little Mrs. Boltwood thankfully, to Miss Mehitable; but her thankfulness was of the same variety which she felt when her youngest child came down with the measles at exactly the right age.

Miss Mehitable, fanning herself, appeared not to hear; and there was no time for the other to repeat her remark. The president was speaking, and when Mrs. Cox spoke every one listened. It was understood at the Summit that Mrs. Cox had no superior as chairman of a meeting.

"Who will donate chickens?" she asked.

For an instant no one spoke. Then with an air of patient martyrdom Mrs. Cox made a note on the paper she held in her hand, and said, "I will give three." She drew her lips down at the corners and added, with low but significant emphasis, "And if it proves necessary I can give more, although I had hoped to sell off enough hens next month to get me a new hat." Mrs. Cox glanced over the head of Mrs. Boltwood, adorned as it was with a pretty flower-trimmed gray chip.

Mrs. Boltwood turned scarlet. "I—I will give two." She raised her voice rebelliously, with a sound of tears just under the surface. "It's the first all-over new hat I've had in four years," she whispered to Miss Mehitable; "and I can't afford to give two hens."

Irene Hazlitt sat next to Mrs. Boltwood. Mrs. Hazlitt was a young matron who had lived only one year at the Summit, and was possessed of excellent ideas, which she had been called upon to use in connection with the Ladies' Aid. She spoke out with a fearlessness stupefying to the faithful members: "Not a single chicken will I donate to a twenty-cent dinner. Sliced ham is good enough and much cheaper. I will give ham, but not choko..."

Twenty-two ladies secretly agreed with Irene Hazlitt. The twenty-fourth, in the armchair, drew down the corners of her mouth and made another note on her paper.

"We always have had chickens," Mrs. Cox looked fixedly at her paper. "And always before they have been cheerfully donated."

Irene Hazlitt, despite her common sense, felt vaguely and uncomfortably disgraced. She bit her lips and looked at Miss Mehitable, but the latter was staring at the grass in deep thought. Miss Mehitable had bestowed much thought and few words on the condition of the aid society during the past year.

The president waited an instant, enveloped in a peculiarly chilling atmosphere, which deepened every one's sense of Irene's disgrace, and then added, "I will make up the deficiency—I will give four instead of three."

Every one save Miss Mehitable moved uneasily and glanced at Mrs. Cox's head. In their mind's eye they saw the old hat adorning the second pew from the front, the remainder of the summer, and knew also that every person between the Summit and Patchunk City would know why, for Mrs. Cox invariably allowed her left hand—and her neighbors also—to know what her right hand was doing in the matter of giving and working.

After the chickens and other food for the dinner had been pledged, Mrs. Cox appointed the committees. "Mrs. Boltwood, will you make the coffee?"

was, Mrs. McLean was committee on decorations, a position in which she was a signal failure.

"What sacrifices that Mrs. Cox does wake!" remarked another lady, enthusiastically. "Why, I understand that she donated fully half the food furnished for yesterday's dinner."

"Yes," returned Mehitable, ambiguously. "I don't doubt that you received that impression."

"Mrs. Cox told me yesterday," mentioned a third boarder, "that her term as president of your aid society expires in August, and that she will so gladly lay down the burdens of office. She says that she has served so long that she hopes the ladies will see fit to give her a complete rest. But, of course," added the boarder, "you couldn't get along without her," which was also Mrs. Cox's opinion on the subject.

Behind the speaker stood two ladies who had long ago been members of the aid society. They raised their eyebrows at each other, having heard Mrs. Cox make these remarks for years, but at Mehitable's confident reply they fell back astonished.

"Yes, she goes out of office at our next meeting. She certainly has worked hard and has earned a rest, and it's time she took it."

The two former members departed speedily, and called on other former members.

Later in the day Mrs. Cramer swept into the postoffice, indignation written on every feature. "I won't stand it any longer!" she stormed. "I worked at those sandwiches with all my might, and now I hear Mrs. Cox is supposed to have done 'em all. I never could make sandwiches fast, but I could decorate the tables beautifully if ever I got a chance! I'm not going to an aid society again."

Irene Hazlitt, who had been talking in low tones to Miss Mehitable, offered no remonstrances as she departed, but the postmistress laughed easily, merely responding, "Oh, you'd better attend our next meeting!"

Whether or not there was to be a special attraction at the next meeting Mehitable did not state to Mrs. Cramer, but to little Mrs. Boltwood later in the day the postmistress made sundry statements which caused her unbound astonishment and no little fear.

"Yes, I'll do it," she gasped, "but my voice will shake awfully, and how will Irene dare? I should be so scared I'd faint right away. She must be brave. No, I'll not open my mouth about it," and she departed, smiling.

A few days later Mrs. McLean ran across the road after a bag of sugar, and to her Miss Mehitable presented a paper the contents of which caused her customer to scowl.

"A present for Mrs. Cox! Of all things! No, I don't want to give toward it, but I suppose I must. Whoever started such a thing?" Mrs. McLean ungraciously added her name to the list already on the paper.

Miss Mehitable smiled and evaded the question.

On the first Tuesday in August there assembled in Mrs. Cox's parlor an unusually large number of ladies. Mrs. Cramer changed her mind and was there, led on by an unbelievable report which had been whispered about. That same report had drawn half a dozen of the old members back, among them the two who had been in the postoffice the morning of July 5th.

Miss Mehitable was there, calm as usual, but little Mrs. Boltwood looked unaccountably frightened. Irene Hazlitt came late, and on the spare bed where the hats were laid, she placed a large, heavy bundle.

Mrs. Cox flew round a hot kitchen, her face expressing weariness and patient martyrdom. She made a special point of not sitting down once during the afternoon until she sank into a chair in the parlor after tea and called the meeting to order—and also made a special point of letting every one present know how long she had been on her feet.

There were two important matters of business to come before the meeting, the arrangements for the Harvest Home supper in September and the election of officers.

The latter, according to Mrs. Cox, was of more importance, especially the choice of a president. She drew down the corners of her mouth and figuratively donned her halo of martyrdom. "It's an office beset with difficulties and work," she said, solemnly, "and I trust that during the

"It must have been," responded the postmistress, dryly.

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A refreshing exception to the general
home criticism of the college boy
comes from the New York Sun. The
minister had been inquiring about
Fred Mason's progress at college.

"So, so," replied Mr. Mason, who
was a farmer. It was evident that
there was a reservation. "He stood
third in his class in Latin and close
up to the head in English."

"Indeed!" said the minister. "You
must feel exceedingly gratified at such
progress."

"Yes," said Mr. Mason, "it's all right
't far 't goes, but to my mind what
Freddy needs is more athletics."

The minister looked surprised.
"More athletics!" he repeated, as if he
had not heard right.

"You see," said the farmer, with a
sly smile, "Freddy helped me harvest."

EAST NORTHFIELD

Mrs. Houghton has returned from
Boston.

Mearie Moody is down with pneumo-
nia.

Mrs. Page of Rutland, Vt. has ar-
rived at L. R. Smith's.

Mrs. Julia Murman is home from
Shelburne for a brief visit.

Elmer Smith of Hartford was the
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pitt over Sun-
day.

Miss Ethel Moody has returned to
the Cathedral School at Washington,
D. C.

Fred Pallam has returned to his
work at The Northfield after two
weeks' vacation.

Lawrence Lazelle went to Spring-
field on Monday, with Mrs. Lazelle, to
be operated upon for appendicitis.

Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Chafer, and
Miss Claire Chapman of Brooklyn,
have been recent guests at The North-
field.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendricks and
family spent the Christmas time with
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Field in Keene,
N. H.

Mrs. De Wolf is spending a week
at The Northfield. She has bought the
Windermere, and will make extensive
repairs.

Mrs. Charlotte and Amelia Haus-
man, who have been visiting Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Holton, have returned to
Hartford.

Daniel O'Dea and Edward McAu-
liffe of Troy, N. Y., spent the Christ-
mas vacation with their aunt at the
Highland house.

Miss Margaret Whittle returned to
New Haven, Conn., on Monday, to re-
sume her teaching and studies after
the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Phillips has gone to Cleveland
till May, her son entering Mount Her-
mon school. The tenement on High-
land avenue has been rented to Mr.
and Mrs. Goodey.

Paul D. Moody is booked to preach
next Sunday at the Congregational
church, Hartford, of which S. Joseph
Twichell is pastor. The assistant
pastorate is vacant at present.

Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Chafer assisted
in the special musical Christmas ser-
vice in the church at Westminster
West, tV. Mr. Chafer sang "Who may
abide the day of His coming?" and
Mrs. Chafer, "He was despised and
neglected," arias from Handel's "Mes-
siah."

Mrs. Lazelle has had as recent
guests, Mrs. Sadie Davidson Board-
man of New York, Miss Ethel Jacobus
of Brooklyn, and Miss Helen Simons
of Boston. These friends with other
assistance contributed an entertaining
program at a New Year's eve party
last week.

Among the many "sufferers" from
the recent wintry blast perhaps no
one is more deserving of sympathy
than C. E. Williams who on Wednes-
day morning found a bursted boiler
and a flooded cellar in his home on
Main street. It will take three or four
weeks for repairs and in the mean-
time Mrs. Williams is visiting in Am-
herst and C. E. is just a-roamin'
around.

James Dwyer, who has been Mrs.
De Wolf's coachman for several sum-
mers, died at his home in Greenfield
and was buried on Tuesday. He
served in the civil war as a member of
the 43d New York regiment of volun-
teers, and was honorably discharged
for wounds received in the leg in
battle. He was a prominent mem-
ber of the Edwin E. Day Post of
Greenfield. Mr. Dwyer was native of
Ireland. He is survived by his
widow.

Herbert S. Stone, assistant man-
ager of the Northfield, is planning a
trip to Egypt and the Holy Land dur-
ing the winter months, on the S. S.
"Arabic," White Star Line. He will
sail from New York on January 20,
and be back the middle of April. The
boat touches at Madeira, Cadiz and
Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, Athens, Con-
stantinople, Smyrna and Ephesus,
Beyrouth (for overland trip to Baalbec
and Damascus), Haifa (for trip to
Nazareth and Galilee) before reaching
Jaffa, where passengers will de-
embark for Jerusalem. About 20 days
will be devoted to Palestine, then 14
days to Egypt, landing at Alexandria,
On the return trip the "Arabic" will
touch at Palermo, Sicily, on the way
to Naples, where passengers will
land for Pompeii, Vesuvius and Rome.
Mr. Stone will probably take train to
Florence, Pisa, Venice and other Ital-
ian cities, then come north via Paris
to London, and take return steamer at
Liverpool or Southampton.

Don't forget that Columbia Records
fit all phonographs. For sale at
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ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The dedication services of the new
Advent Christian church at South
Vernon passed off successfully in ac-
cordance with the program printed in
full in a recent issue of the PRESS.

The weather favored a large attend-
ance both afternoon and evening.
The church building is free of debt,
and pledges amounting to \$2150 to-
wards the cost of the parsonage,
\$3700, were received. Other gifts and
pledges have come in since then.

The PRESS has already given a de-
tailed description of the new build-
ings, a photograph of which is again
reproduced here. They are conven-
iently situated, with approaches from
the south and north, and are attrac-
tive in appearance. The horsesheds
are not visible in the accompanying
picture, but are located behind or west
of the parsonage. The interior ap-
pointments are first class in quality
and utility. Hard wood floors and
trimmings throughout show excel-
lent taste, while the arrangement of
the vestries and other facilities indi-
cates good judgment on the part of
the building committee. Plenty of
acetylene light is provided inside and
outside. There is nothing cheap
about the plant; on the contrary, an
impression not unworthy of the name
of Christ is produced upon a visitor.

Last Sunday the regular order of
services was initiated. Morning wor-
ship at 10:30, when Rev. A. E. Phelps
preached on "Workers together with
Him." Mr. Phelps took occasion to
say something of his relation to the
people as pastor and resident among
them, and of the responsibility that
has come to all in this new enterprise.
He spoke of the benefits that follow,
materially, socially, and especially
spiritually. All that have helped in
the buildings in any way share the
responsibility and the blessing. There
is mutual responsibility for mutual ef-
fort, working together and working to-
gether with Christ. The morning at-
tendance was 99.

Sunday school was held at noon,
with attendance of 60. Officers were
elected for the new year as follows:
Supt. A. A. Dunklee; assist. supt.,
Clarence Buffum; sec., Ernest Dunk-
lee; treas., E. B. Buffum; librarian,
Miss Elsie Burnham, with assistants
Mrs. Clarence Buffum and Mrs. Sa-
die Brooks; supt. Home department,
Mrs. A. B. Gould. Mr. Dunklee has
held the position of superintendent for
20 years.

At 6:30 a young people's meeting
was held, led by the pastor. Twenty
were present.

The evening service followed at 7:30
when the pastor preached an earnest
sermon appropriate to the beginning
of a new year, urging the people to
take the first step to get right with
God and to stay right with Him. The
attendance was 63.

A choir under L. R. Brown's leader-
ship is a great help in the singing.
The members are A. A. Dunklee, Mr.
Stark, Miss Martineau, Miss March,
and Mrs. Brooks; organist.

Notice was given that the church
bell will ring for the different services
on Sundays as follows: 9:45 and 10:30,
6:30 and 7:30; Thursday, 7 and 7:30.

Rev. Z. Charles Beals of Wuhu,
China, will speak at the church on
Thursday evening, January 13. Mr.
Beals has had about 17 years' experi-
ence as a missionary, and is an interest-
ing speaker. He was in China at
the time of the Boxer movement.

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NORTHFIELD FARMS.

Charlie White of Orange visited his
sister, Mrs. Arthur Hart.

Mrs. Palme and daughter Ruth re-
turned to Providence, R. I., on Tues-
day.

Miss Adella and Gertrude Howes
returned to their work the first of the
week.

Eugene Labelle, wife and daughter,
spent New Year's with her folks in
Franklin, N. H.

Miss Bessie Hammond returned to
Leominster after spending Christmas
with her parents.

Miss Mabel Merriman returned to

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